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TAGS: PARM, PFOR, ICRC, VN, US

SUBJECT: ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS

REF: STATE 112467

1. PERHAPS IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO USE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO MAKE QUITE CLEAR THE DEPTH OF THE USG RESENTMENT IF THE PRG IS INVITED DESPITE THE TOTALLY UNAMBIGUOUS WARNING GIVEN BY ALDRICH AT THE CLOSE OF THE LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE. IT WOULD, PERHAPS, BE DIFFERENT IF THE ICRC HAD NOT HAD AN UN-ASSAILABLE REASON TO AVOID REOPENING THE ISSUE BY CITING THE ACTION ALREADY TAKEN. BUT, INSTEAD IT YIELDS TO EASTERN BLOC, NORDIC, AND PERHAPS OTHER PRESSURES TO CONTEMPTOUSLY IGNORE US.

2. ONE OF THE REASONS MAY BE THAT THROUGH PRIOR EXPERIENCE ICRC FEELS IT CAN SAFELY DO SO. FOR EXAMPLE, AT THE SAME MOMENT WE WERE RAISING THE QUESTION OF "PRG" ATTENDANCE AT LUCERNE, STATE'S 110636 ON 25 MAY INSTRUCTED GENEVA THAT "AID/W PLANS NEW DOLS 2 MILLION GRANT TO RED CROSS IOG FROM FY 75 APPROPRIATION IF FUNDS PERMIT". PERHAPS IT MIGHT MAKE AN IMPRESSION IF MISSION IN GENEVA WERE TO INDICATE THAT IT HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED, WITHOUT EXPLANATION, TO WITHDRAW THAT ASSURANCE.

3. THIS RECOMMENDATION IS NOT INTENDED AS A PRESSURE EXERTING BLUFF. IF THE ICRC PERSISTS ON THE COURSE ON WHICH  
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IT IS TENATIVELY EMBARKED, WE HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS THAT USG

INTERESTS WILL BE WELL SERVED BY MAKING THIS GRANT AND WE  
WOULD NOT APPROVE A FINAL DECISION TO MAKE IT.  
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